

I am very ashamed that CT would be considering rabbit factory-farming for consumption. First and foremost, CT has to take a hard look at the devastating impact of factory farms on our environment and not be adding to problem, but instead, decreasing/eliminating factory farming of animals.

In addition:

1- Rabbits are the third most common household pet after dogs and cats.

2- Due to public pressure, Petco and PetSmart stopped selling rabbits.

They now only display rescue rabbits for adoption – the same treatment they give to dogs and cats.

3-Whole Foods and other specialty stores stopped selling rabbit meat after concluding there was no market for sales.

4-The multi-billion-dollar cosmetic industry has been moving away from using rabbits and other animals in their testing programs due to consumer pressure.

5-While the rest of the country has recognized and elevated rabbits as pets, CT is taking a step backward in proposing this initiative.

Please vote NO on HB5263.

With strong concern for the environment and compassion for animals,

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